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\*Note: Mr. Hutt relinquished his duties  
in September.



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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE BOROUGH  
OF TIVERTON

For the year ended 31st December, 1967

Town Hall,  
TIVERTON.  
Devon

June, 1968

Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1967.

The Borough covers an area of 17,680 acres. The area taken up by the 'built up' area of the borough has been increasing steadily over the last few years.

Social Conditions

Messrs. J. Heathcoat and its subsidiaries are the chief source of employment.

The Globe Elastic Thread Company, on the new industrial estate at Kennedy Way, manufactures elastic thread, and is also associated with Messrs. J. Heathcoat & Co.

Messrs. Starkey, Knight and Ford, now taken over by Messrs. Whitbread have built large extensions at Howden Industrial Estate.

Fenton's Manufacturing Company on the new industrial estate at Kennedy Way continues to manufacture toilet requisites.

Poultry and egg packing are two smaller industries in the borough.

Blundells School, a large public school is also situated in Tiverton.

Population estimated 14,370

Domestic Properties - As shown in Rates Book 1st April, 1967 4,849

Rateable Value - £551,591

Estimated penny rate Product 1967-1968 = £2,218

Home Safety Committee

Steps to establish this were being taken during 1967 but the project has been delayed owing to the departure of Mr. Hutt. It is hoped that a scheme will eventually be established in the not too distant future.

Old Age Pensioners Club, Amory House

This club now numbers 240 members, and continues to give valuable service to the aged people. The County Chiropody service has unfortunately been inadequate owing to staff illness.

The Central Council for Health Education

Tiverton Borough Council is one that contributes annually to this organisation whose work is of the greatest benefit to this department.

Medical Services

In view of the considerable difficulties which are experienced by people living on the west side of the River Exe in getting to Doctors Surgeries which are situate at the opposite end of the town, both the Warden of the Howden Estate Mrs. Lorna Wright and myself consider it very desirable that a Doctor's Surgery should be established on the west side of the bridge. This would have the effect of relieving the very considerable hardship experienced by older people having to travel about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles up hill in order to visit the Doctor and also to make the necessary appointment, which makes a total of six miles.



Extracts from Vital Statistics

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>
Live (legitimate)	182	96	86	14.1 per 1000
Births (Illegitimate)	21	12	9	
Still births	3	1	2	.15 per 1000
Total live and still births	206	109	97	
<del>Corrected birth rate</del>				<del>.87 per 1000</del>
<i>Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate.</i>				
Deaths	149	61	88	10.4 per 1000
<del>Corrected death rate</del>				<del>.78 per 1000</del>
<i>Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate</i>				

CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	7	4
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	9	26
Coronary Disease, Angina	11	15
Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	1
Other Heart Disease	4	9
Other Circulatory Disease	3	10
Pneumonia	4	3
Bronchitis	5	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Congenital Malformations	1	-
Other defined & Ill-defined diseases	4	8
All Other Accidents	2	4
Suicide	1	-
Total all Causes	61	88

DEATHS FROM CANCER 1967

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Stomach	2	2
Bronchus	3	1
Breast	-	1
Uterus	-	1
Leukaemia	-	1
Other sites	7	4
	12	10

Total Cancer Deaths .. .. 22

CANCER DEATHS 1952 - 1967 (inclusive)

Adrenal	-	Brought forward	161
Antrum	1	Ovary	5
Bile duct	-	Pancreas	14
Bladder	7	Peritonei	5
Bowels	22	Pharynx	2
Brain	-	Prostate	11
Breast	36	Rectum	7
Bronchus	64	Stomach	71
Face	1	Testis	1
Gall Bladder	5	Throat	2
Kidney	2	Thyroid Gland	1
Larynx	1	Tongue	-
Leg	1	Tonsil	1
Liver	1	Uterus	21
Leukaemia	8	Vulva	-
Melanoma	1	Vagina	-
Maxilla	1	Urethra	-
Mouth	-	Lymphonatosis	4
Oesophagus	10	Other sites	85
	161		391

Cancer

As seen in the table on cancer over the past 15 years, deaths from bronchial cancer are overtaking those from gastric cancer.

Deaths from Lung Cancer and Gastric Cancer over the whole of England and Wales, figures will not be available until August, 1968.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. Nursing in the Home. No change
2. Domiciliary Midwifery. We have two district midwives. We are fortunate in having a M.R.C.O.G. resident in the town who can be called upon in difficult cases.
3. Laboratory Facilities. The Public Health Laboratory is a new building recently completed in Church Lane, Heavitree, Exeter.
4. Health Education - Smoking and Venereal Disease. Progress is being made in discouraging smoking among the general public. No action is taken on V.D. - incidence is very low, and from outside sources.
5. Hospital Services. These have proved adequate throughout the year, but the District and Post Hill hospitals tend to be cluttered up with aged patients who do not really require hospital treatment but are not fit to live by themselves. The result is that they remain in hospital, having nowhere else to go. The Belmont Hospital is chronically full, and vacancies normally occur as a result of deaths. Maternity accommodation appears to be reasonably satisfactory, thanks to the short stay scheme. Infectious cases are sent to the Whipton Isolation Hospital, where accommodation is always adequate. A lift has at long last been installed at the Belmont Hospital. A Tuberculosis Clinic is held at the Tiverton and District Hospital twice monthly on alternated Thursdays, with Doctor G.E. Adkins. The district hospital is undergoing extensive alterations, an expensive new patch on an old garment. An eye specialist clinic is held at the Tiverton and District Hospital on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays with Dr. Schwerdt in attendance.

6. Liaison Arrangements. Our local hospitals are largely staffed by general practitioners, which constitutes an advantage as regards liaison.
7. Institutional provision for Unmarried Mothers. None in the area.
8. Ambulance Facilities. No change
9. Social workers in Mental Health and Mental Welfare Officers.  
Mr. J. G. Williams.
10. Clinics and Treatment Centres.  
Consultation Clinic - Wednesdays 9. - 12. a.m.  
Dr. Mayfield and two health visitors attend in rotation. (if necessary)  
Ophthalmic Clinic. Second Tuesdays in alternate months commencing January. Dr. Chaturvedi in attendance. By appointment.  
Speech Therapy Clinics. Thursdays 9. -12. a.m. Tuesdays 2. - 4. p.m. by appointment Mrs. Ball, Speech Therapist in attendance.  
Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. This centre is open weekly on Wednesdays 2. - 4. p.m.  
School Dental Service. Emergency treatment. Wednesday 9.30 - 11 a.m. Orthodontic treatment by Mr. Burnett first Friday in month.  
Chiropody Clinic. Every Monday. Mr. Leaney in attendance all day. By appointment.  
Ante-Natal Clinic. Thursday afternoons 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Run by District midwives and Health visitors. Talks on elementary dietetics, care of baby, etc.  
Cervical Cytology. Second and fourth Monday evening of each month. Dr. Sybil Jones in attendance.  
Hearing Assessment Clinic. Fourth Tuesday, alternate months Dr. M.J. Dunn in attendance.  
Retirement Club. For the 65-70's every second and fourth Friday afternoon from 2 - 5 p.m.

The Attendances for 1967 at the Child Welfare Centre were as follows:-

Total infants attending for the first time	123
Total number of sessions held	52
No. of sessions held with Assistant County M.O.H.	24
No. of attendances during 1967 - infants	1,147
No. of attendances during 1967 - 1 - 2 years	221
No. of attendances during 1967 - 2 - 5 years	125

The mothers and children have had supervision and advice both at the Welfare Weekly by the Medical Officer and the Health Visitor, and in their homes by the Health Visitor. Where necessary the mothers were referred to their private doctor for treatment.

#### Home Help Organisation

Based at the Clinic. Cases are dealt with through Miss Ashmole and Miss Warrington.

Orthopaedic Clinic, was held on 52 Tuesdays during the year, Mrs. D.A. Birch the secretary, makes the appointments.

No. on register 31.1.67	208	Average weekly attendances	12
No. on register 31.12.67	216	No. of attendances	1096
Sessions held	75	Admissions:-	
New cases	312	Adults	254
Discharges	350	School Age	30
Admitted to hospital	90	Under school age	38
		TOTAL	312



Health Centre

It is proposed, eventually, to establish a Health centre in the grounds of the Belmont Hospital from which General Practitioners would operate. This event is likely to be delayed until all the hospital facilities can concentrate on it.

Mass Radiography Service

This valuable service continues to function smoothly, making fortnightly visits on Tuesdays to the Market Place.

Scheme for notification to M.O.H.'s of congenital defects apparent at birth.

No action taken under this scheme at present.

Scheme for provision of incontinence pads service.

No action taken. Need for this scheme in this borough is not apparent.

Prevalence of Control over Infectious and Other Diseases.

Scabies None reported during the year.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation. Vaccination procedure administered by County Council and a Clinic is held for this purpose on each Wednesday. The majority of cases are dealt with by Local doctors at their surgeries. The percentage of children immunised continues to be satisfactorily high.

Poliomyelitis

No case of this disease has occurred during the year.

Tuberculosis

New cases and mortality during 1967 - NIL

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925)

No action taken.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Age Period	Scarlet Fever		Food Poisng.	Dysentery	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas
	M	F					
Under 1 yr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 40 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40 - 65 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	1	-	-	-	-	-

Notifiable Diseases

Age Period	Measles		Whooping Cough		Acute Polio.	Meningo- coccal infec.	Acute Encephalitis
	M	F	M	F			
Under 1 yr.	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
1 year	8	7	-	1	-	-	-
2 years	6	9	2	4	-	-	-
3 years	7	11	4	3	-	-	-
4 years	7	10	1	2	-	-	-
5 to 9	21	23	4	12	-	-	-
10 to 14	5	-	2	-	-	-	-
15 to 24	19	2	2	1	-	-	-
25 & over	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	76	64	15	24			

General ObservationsFluoridation

The natural content of the borough water supply is extremely low and no provision has yet been made to add fluoride artificially.

Sewage Disposal

The comparatively rapid growth of the town in recent years has caused the sewerage and sewage disposal systems to become overloaded. New sewage disposal works are now under construction and there are contracts for the relaying of the remainder of the sewerage system in the centre of the town, work on which has commenced.

Public Health Inspector

Our second Public Health Inspector, Mr. Hutt, left us during the year to take up an appointment at Bournemouth. So far no one has been appointed to take his place. I am firmly of the opinion that a borough of the size and population of Tiverton cannot be run satisfactorily with a solitary Inspector.

Air Pollution

The main street are long and rather narrow and are apt to be noisy at times and the air polluted with exhaust fumes. One hopes that when the new bridge is functioning, these drawbacks will be lessened.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

TO THE BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

1st January to 31st December 1967

Public Health Department,

The Town Hall,

TIVERTON

June, 1968

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,  
of the Tiverton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure I submit my  
twenty second annual report.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supply

The Town's water supply is controlled by the North Devon Water Board and has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Raw water is sampled by the Water Board, and samples for chemical analysis are not taken by the Council.

Fluoridation is not carried out in the Borough.

The Council owns and runs a swimming bath. The bath is an open air one, and is in use only during the summer. The water is obtained from the public main supply, and a filtration and chlorination plant keeps the water in a highly satisfactory condition. Examination of four samples taken through the summer months showed the quality as consistently high, all samples being satisfactory.

The population of Tiverton Borough has risen to 14,370 and occupies 4,687 dwelling houses, including agricultural premises. Of these, 4,597 housing approximately 13,855 persons are supplied from public mains, direct to the houses. A further 30 houses, housing approximately 90 persons are supplied from public mains by means of stand pipes. The remainder of 60 houses have their own private supply.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses registered in the Borough of Tiverton.



FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONSCondemnation of unsound food

34 visits and 16 revisits were made to shops for the purpose of inspection and condemnation of unsound food. The following is a list of food condemned:-

<u>Description</u>	<u>Weight in Pounds</u>
Fresh Fish	140
Tinned Meat	339
Jars of Food	16
Tinned Fruit	150
Tinned Fish	23
Frozen Vegetables	92
Frozen Meat	40
Frozen Fish	65
Frozen Food (misc)	30
Other tinned foods	621
	<hr/> 1516 lbs. <hr/>

Total weight of food condemned = 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

Tiverton Roller Mills

48½ sacks of flour condemned for smoke taint following fire outside the Borough.

Total weight of flour condemned = 2 tons. 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.

SERVICES UNDER FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

There were no samples of raw milk examined.

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Type of Premises	No. of premises	No. fitted to comply Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No. fitted to comply Reg. 19
Multiple Stores	4	4	4	4
Dairies	3	3	3	3
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Bakers	8	8	8	8
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Fish & Chip Friers	5	5	5	5
Restaurants & Cafes	11	11	11	11
Grocers	30	30	30	30
Chemists	5	5	5	5
Greengrocers	10	10	10	10
Confectioners	16	16	16	16
Licensed Premises	27	27	27	27
Off - Licence Premises	5	5	5	5
Factory Canteens	6	6	6	6
Hospitals etc.	6	6	6	6
School Canteens	15	15	15	15
Boarding House, Accom.	18	18	18	18
Bakchouses	3	3	3	3
	186	186	186	186



Poultry Inspection

There is one poultry processing establishment in the Borough of Tiverton. 117 visits were made to the premises during the year. Chickens and hens are the only types of birds processed and the number killed during the year amounted to 547,980. Of these, 3,954 were condemned as unfit for human consumption and 544,026 passed as satisfactory.

The processing premises are of a modern structure and a high standard of hygiene is maintained. There is a spotter system for detecting unsound birds and check visits are made by the Public Health Inspector at frequent intervals.

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Inspections of food premises, stalls and vehicles .....91

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Registered premises under Sec. 16 of the Foods and Drugs Act

Manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream .....56

Preparation for sale of sausages or preserved foods .....24

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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	68	10	3	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	39	39	-	-
T O T A L	121	49	3	-

continued .....

Factories Act, 1961 - continued

## CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :-

PARTICULARS  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Unsufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS

Visits to outworkers premises for inspection ..... 37

No. of outworkers required by Section 10

Class I .. .. . 1  
Class 29 .. .. . 20

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are 3 sites in Tiverton Borough licensed for caravans. Accomodation at the permanent residential site at 'Underhill', Bolham Road is licensed for 35 caravans, and the holiday site at 'The Orchard', Cove is licensed for 12 caravans. The third site at Riverside, Bolham is licensed for a single caravan only.

All sites are well maintained and organised.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT  
1963

It will be seen that although a total of 51 visits were carried out during the year to the 171 premises registered in the borough, only 9 "general inspections" were made, being mainly confined to new registrations during the year. The balance of 42 visits were to premises where previously contraventions were known to exist, and these visits have not been classified as "general inspections".

Generally, co-operation of occupiers has been forthcoming in providing amenities which were lacking. There were no applications for exemption from provisions of the Act during the year and no prosecutions for contraventions.

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	4	40	5
Retail Shops	2	121	3
Wholesale Shops & Warehouses	1	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public & canteens	-	9	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	7	171	9

Total number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises under the Act ..... 51

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND AND RECTIFIED.

SECTION	CONTRAVENTION	NO. FOUND
4	Want of Cleanliness	2
6	Inadequate heating	-
	Absence thermometer	6
7	Inadequate ventilation	1

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## Analysis of Contraventions found and rectified/continued

Section	Contravention	No. found
9 (Sanitary accommodation)	No artificial lighting Absence I.V.S. W.C.s not marked Inadequate Not provided Absence ventilation Not separate for sexes Other wise unsuitable	6
10 (Washing facilities)	Absence hot water Inadequate Not provided Not separate	2
16	Inadequate lighting to stairs Stairs obstructed Defective floors or stairs Absence of handrail	1
17	Lack of adequate guards	1
24	Inadequate first aid kits	4

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES  
BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices .....	295
Retail Shops .....	521
Wholesale shops, warehouses .....	1
Catering establishments open to public .....	48
Canteens .....	-
Fuel storage depots .....	-
Total males 393	
Total females 472	
TOTAL .....	865

ACCIDENTS

During the year five accidents were reported; all of which occurred in retail shops:-

- 1) Person struck by falling object.
- 2) Person tripped over object on floor.
- 3) Person slipped on a slippery floor.
- 4) Person cut by hand saw.
- 5) Person fell on stairs.



RODENT CONTROL

Annual report as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food

<u>PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS</u>		<u>NON-AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
1. Number of properties in district	-	5404	249
2. a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	-	85	9
b) Number infested by :-			
i. rats	-	55	3
ii. mice	-	16	1
3. a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	-	60	75
b) Number infested by :-			
i. rats	-	31	40
ii. mice	-	-	-

The following table shows the number of rats caught in traps at the various sites:-

1966	PREMISES	1967
47	Fire Station	37
56	Long Drag	48
51	John Heathcoat & Co.	42
248	Hamlin & Sons Ltd., Mill, St. Andrew Street	196
276	Starkey, Knight and Ford, Brewery	246
171	W. H. Punchard & Son, Haypark	166
112	Tiverton Roller Mills Co. Ltd.	110
2	Hamlin & Son, Mill, West Exe North	Demolished
18	Council Depot, St. Andrew Street	9
16	Woodgates Car Park	13
49	South Western Farmers, Kennedy Way	30
33	Globe Elastic Thread Co.	14
6	Underhill, Bolham Road	7
3	Post Hill Hospital	4
2	Knightshayes Estate Yard	16
20	Cotter Brook	17
23	Railway Yard	22
1133	TOTAL	977

Four Sewer Treatments were carried out using Sodium Fluoracetamide, on the small section of the sewerage system which revealed limited infestation.

Fenn Traps were permanently maintained on 16 premises where it was intended that the positioning of traps would intercept rats on possible routes into the town from the adjoining countryside. There are 14 concerns in the town which have contracts with the Council for the destruction of rodents. Visits to these premises vary in regularity from daily to once every six weeks according to need.

6 treatments of the Ashley Refuse Tip were carried out. 68 bodies were recovered, and the total estimated kill amounted to 328.

MR. TUCKER, the Council's Rodent Operator continued his valuable work in a quiet and efficient manner.

SLUM CLEARANCEAreas demolished since May, 1955

AREAS	NO. OF HOUSES DEMOLISHED	FAMILIES DISPLACED
Penny Park	2	2
West Exe South Area No. 1	10	7
West Exe South Area No. 2	48	45
Belmont Road	4	2
Candy's Court & Trickey's Court	7	5
Seward's Court	15	12
Wellbrook Street	3	3
Cowleymoor Cottages	3	3
Castle Terrace & the Works	9	7
Sharland's Square	10	9
Richard's Buildings	11	7
1 - 4 Jarmans Square	4	4
51 - 57 Chapel Street	4	2
4 - 22 Chapel Street	19	16
6, 8, 10 & 12 West Exe South )	11	9
1 - 4 Riverside )		
16/18 & 20/22 West Exe South )	2	-
2 & 3 Hines Square )		
1, 2, 3 & 4 Peppers Square )	8	3
42, 44, 46 & 48 Church Square )		
1 - 19 Orchard View	19	18
6, 7, 8 & 9 Hammetts Square	4	3
Mount Pleasant, Chapel Street	1	1
Clarke's Row Clearance Area, 1965	11	11
121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133 )	35	32
135, 135a, 135b, 137, 141, 143, & )		
145 West Exe South )		
1 - 13 Curwood's Court )		
2, 3, 4 & 5 Curwood's Buildings )	12	12
1, 2, 4 & 5 Zetland Court )		
7, 11, & 13 Wellbrook Street )		
9, 11 & 13 Church Street )		
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 Back Lane )		
T O T A L S	252	213

AREAS CONFIRMED BUT NOT YET DEMOLISHED

AREAS	NO. OF HOUSES
<u>Gratton Terrace &amp; Market Terrace Area 1964</u>	
1 - 15 Gratton Terrace )	21
1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 8 Market Terrace )	
<u>Sunny Court Clearance Area 1965</u>	6
<u>Rudds Buildings Clearance Area</u>	10
<u>West Exe North Clearance Area</u>	
2 to 7 Prospect Place )	8
2 & 5 Penny's Buildings )	
TOTALS	45

Slum Clearance - continuedAreas not confirmed

120-136 Chapel Street - 9 houses

Purchased by Council by agreement

18 &amp; 20 St. Andrew Street - 2 houses

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

In the case of Improvement Grant applications, houses are inspected and advice given on the reconstruction, alterations or improvements.

Standard Grants

During the year 24 applications were received for standard grants for premises; approval being given in all cases. Improvement work was completed in the case of 13 premises during the year, and Completion Certificates were issued.

Discretionary Grants

Applications for Discretionary Grants were approved in respect of 5 dwellings in the year, and in all cases the Council agreed to a 50% grant of the cost of approved works. Completion Certificates were issued for the improvement work at 4 properties.

Since Grants were first available for the improvement of houses, this Council has approved financial assistance for 295 houses improved by way of Standard Grant and 130 improved by way of Discretionary Grant.

DRAINAGENew Houses Construction

Normal procedure is for consultation and inspection with the builder prior to construction of drainage in connection with new house construction or alterations and rebuilding.

The department advises on the siting and design of drainage disposal plants where no public sewers are available.

All new draingge is tested and the number of tests applied to new drains during the year amounted to 118.

Inspection to work in progress amounted to 221 visits.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

No. of new tanks tested during the year	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
No. of existing tanks tested during the year	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
No. passed	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
No. failed	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Licences applied for storage of petroleum during year	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
No. of licences re-issued	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
New licences issued	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Transfer of licence	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inspections re. Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	62
Minor contraventions relating no "NO SMOKING" notices	..	..	..	..	..	..	10



EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875

124 applications were received for the registration of premises for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives, and Certificates of Registration were granted.

29 inspections were carried out in connection with the above Act.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

<u>Water Samples Taken</u>		Brought forward:-	899
Public Mains	76	Drainage - Inspections	221
Other premises & farms	14	Tests	118
Swimming Bath	4	Disinfection & Disinfestation	22
<u>Food &amp; Drugs Act:-</u>		Caravans	4
Food premises	91	Slum Clearance Inspections	
Ice Cream & preserved food	3	& Revisits	55
Food Shops re. condemned food	50	Improvement Grants	181
Factories Act	3	Pet Animals Act	8
Inspections re: complaints	188	Animal Boarding Establishments Act	7
Revisits re: complaints	217	Rodent Control	32
Clean Air	2	Petroleum & Explosives licensing	91
Offices, Shops & Railway premises	51	Miscellaneous	10
Outworkers	37	Means of escape in case of fire	3
Dustbins	49		
Poultry Packers	117		
	<u>899</u>		<u>1651</u>

Total inspections during the year - 1651

Conclusion

Mr. Hutt, additional Public Health Inspector, relinquished his position with the Council during the year to take up duties with the Bournemouth City Council. As a result of his loss, there has been a slackening in the tempo of work under the Shops, Offices & Railway Premises Act and the Foods & Drugs Act and Food Hygiene Regulations and also Slum Clearance.

Mrs. Barnes, general clerk in the department, had lengthy maternity leave which caused some disruption in the running of the office and she has since terminated her duties with the Council. This has made the running of the Public Health Department, in the absence of an additional inspector, more difficult.

However, our new general clerk, Mrs. Drake, has proved willing and adaptable and I consider she will prove a very valuable asset to the department as she becomes familiar with the type of problems to be dealt with.

Mrs. May has continued her duties in connection with the rodent control costing, records and registers and general work in her usual quietly efficient manner and my thanks are due to her.

In conclusion, I hope I may be able to continue to conscientiously serve the best interests of the Council for the next three years, when I am due to retire at the age of sixty-five years.

I remain,  
Your obedient servant,

CHARLES JEFFRIES.

Chief Public Health Inspector.





